

OBITUARIES

Charlie Poncik

Charlie Poncik, 64, of Columbus, passed away Friday, August 20, 1999, at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born May 5, 1935, in La Grange to Emil and Alma Letzen Poncik.

Poncik was a dragline operator employed by Pioneer Concrete and a rancher.

He and Dorothy Marie Miller were married February 23, 1957.

Poncik was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus. He was preceded in death by his

parents.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Columbus; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Tammy Poncik, Richard and Ruth Poncik, Michael and Olga Poncik and Kenneth Poncik of Columbus; brothers, John Poncik of Rabbs Prairie, Emil Poncik of Stafford, Glenn Poncik of Spring Branch and Joe Poncik of La Grange; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, August 23, from St. Anthony Catholic Church in Colum-

bus with Father Dan Kahlich officiating.

Interment followed at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Columbus.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Scott Schobel; Gene, Allen, Joseph, David and Robert "Bobby" Poncik; and Gilbert Kiel.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

William N. 'Bill' Lehrer

April 9, 1924 - August 13, 1999

William N. "Bill" Lehrer, 75, of Garwood, died Friday, August 13, 1999, in Houston.

He was born April 9, 1924, the son of William K. and Dottie A. Lehrer.

Bill attended school in Garwood, graduated from Culver Military Academy in December 1941 and attended Texas A&M University.

During World War II, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, primarily in the European Theater.

After his discharge from the military in 1946, Bill returned to an active role in the Lehrer family rice farming, ranching and rice irrigation interests.

He was actively involved in both the political arena and rice industry. He was a member of the Garwood Lions Club, Garwood School Board, Board of Directors of American Rice Growers, Blue Ribbon Rice Mill Inc., and was president of American Rice Inc.

Lehrer served on the Eagle Lake

Community Hospital Board of Trustees for many years.

He was an organizer and first president of the U.S. Rice Legislative Group and was a member of the National Rice Advisory Committee. Bill was active in the Republican Party at the community, state and national levels.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline Lehrer; daughters and sons-in-law, Gretchen and Jack McMenimen of Mill Valley, California, and Nancy and Curtis Boyd of Sugar Land; daughter, Mary Armour of Stafford; son and daughter-in-law, William Paul and Monica Lehrer of Garwood; sister, Dorothy Jane Lewis of Eagle Pass; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, August 16, at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Steve Whitfield officiating.

Private interment followed at Lehrer Memorial Cemetery in Garwood.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Ralph A. Savino, Ronald B. Priesmeyer, William K. Krenk, Steve Balas, Jack McMenimen and Curtis Boyd.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Lee McCreary, Dr. Raymond Thomas, Bill Harrison Sr., John Matthews, J.B. Scarlett, Dale Hunt, Erasmo Flores, Mitchel Smith, Jack Wendt and Roger Nevola.

Bill will be missed immensely by his family, employees, community and a great host of friends. He will be remembered as an honorable man and deeply respected by all who knew him.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to: Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 131, Garwood, Texas 77442; or Texas A&M Foundation, William N. Lehrer Scholarship Fund, 1501 Texas Avenue South, College Station, Texas 77840-3398; or to the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Vera Beatrice Lowe Brown

March 26, 1931 - August 12, 1999

Vera Beatrice Lowe Brown passed away August 12, 1999.

She was born March 26, 1931, to Jurrod and Rose Ella Lowe.

She attended schools in Altair and at E.H. Henry High School.

At an early age, she became a Christian and began her work in Christ's Kingdom in Wright Grove Baptist Church in Altair.

On September 29, 1950, she was married Nathaniel Brown. To this

union, no children were born.

She joined South Point Baptist Church and was faithful and ardent worker for many years.

She was especially loyal to the Missionary Society and Usher Board, never refusing a task because she was too busy, or because she was too tired.

Today we are silent, to pay tribute to a person who has lived among us as "one who went about doing good and always put Christ first" in everything she did. During her years of illness she leaned heavily on the Lord. Calling upon Him to help her bear the pain when many times she could have called her loved ones, but knowing they were already tired and overburdened.

Sister Brown was a lovable character, a person who was willing to be a friend. She never pushed herself forward, but always stayed in the background working and praying and doing whatever she was called upon to do for her Master.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers, Zelte Cleveland and Albert Walter Lowe.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a brother and sister-in-law, Clifton and Hazel Lowe; a sister, Shelia M. Lowe; sister-in-law, Helen Lowe of Altair; a stepdaughter, Sandra Faye Brown Bankston; three grandchildren; numerous nieces; nephews; relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, at 11 a.m. from South Point Baptist Church in Vox Populi with Rev. H. Aldridge officiating. Burial followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were schoolmates and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were family members.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Rosie Stovall

March 17, 1938 - August 16, 1999

Rosie Stovall passed away August 16, 1999.

She was born March 17, 1938, to George and Eather Lee Washington Stovall.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Ben Stovall.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her mother; seven brothers, Willie, John Ben, George Jr., Joe Lee, Charles Lee, and Matthew Stovall of Eagle Lake and Sylvester Stovall of Vox Populi; four sisters, Rose Mary Blunston and Mable Godley of Altair, Cynthia Evelyn Sims of Eagle Lake and Eather Lee Stovall of Weimar; two aunts, Pricilla Evans of Cameron and Katharine Hewitt of Waco; three loving brothers-in-law, Willie "Clint" Blunston and Joseph Godley of Altair and Kado Powell of Eagle Lake; sisters-in-law, Brenda Stovall, Gerlene Stovall, Mary Ann Daniels and Stella Swell of Eagle Lake and Tilla Stovall of Smithville; a good friend, Ruth Whitfield of Eagle Lake; and a host of relatives and

friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 21, at 1 p.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. O. Rhodes officiating.

Burial followed in Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Willie, Joe Lee, Charles Lee, Sylvester and Johnny Stovall and Joseph Godley.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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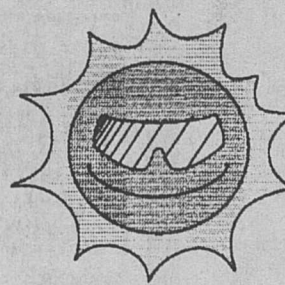
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Troy Ryan Pflughaupt

Craig and Kerry Pflughaupt of Frelsburg are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a son, born at 8 p.m. August 17, 1999, at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Troy Ryan weighed nine pounds, three ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by siblings, Luke, four years old, and Blake, two.

Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth and Roy Conard of Columbus and the late Larry Newman.

Paternal grandparents are Gene and Ruby Pflughaupt of Frelsburg.

Great-grandparents are Ordell and Billy Powell of Rock Island and Lillie Krueger of Frelsburg.

What's new at PEM?

Museum donors are busy adding to the exhibit stores of Prairie Edge Museum (PEM). Advertising gimmicks bearing the names of former Eagle Lake businesses, according to Curator Bill Harrison, are great additions to the collections. Two hand/wrist-operated fans recently came from Lynda Appelt Evans. One bore the name Fink's Variety Store. The other advertised Riceland Ford-Mercury and had printed on it in large letters, "I'm a Rice Raiders Football Fan."

Lynda also provided the museum with 24 calendars printed for the years of 1976-1999 and sponsored by Xi Pi Psi Sorority. Each calendar advertises at least 19 local businesses. Finally she presented an 18-inch Bradley Doll dressed in a lace party dress of the 1910 vintage. She purchased it in the 1970s at Fink's Variety Store.

Jerry Willis brought in a well-preserved, early-day fire fighter's helmet with the crest labeled "Eagle Lake Fire Dept." It may have been one of the first types to be equipped with plastic visor.

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LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Belen de Judea Mision): 1000 East E, Eagle Lake; Ruth Olvera, Pastor

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylor, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 409-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan, Texas.

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GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Clements Richards.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. Worship. Rev. Paul A. Lynn, Pastor.

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